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# Constitution and By-Laws

## PREAMBLE

Believing that all men are social creatures and that friendships of college men are lasting ones, we do hereby seek to promote these associations by a social fraternity which will uphold the standards of brotherhood, and do hereby adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws.

### Article 1. Name and Purposes.

Section 1. The name of this Fraternity shall be Alpha Rho Psi affiliate of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Section 2. The purposes of this Fraternity shall be to promote the welfare of its members. It shall strive to promote the ideals of manhood, brotherhood, and citizenship. It shall uphold the laws of the State and the ideals of the University of Minnesota, Morris. It shall seek to promote social, cultural, scholarly, recreational, and benevolent fraternal accomplishments.

### Article 2. Membership.

Section 1. Members. Members of the Fraternity shall be classified as undergraduate and alumni members.

Section 2. Undergraduate member. An undergraduate member shall be either an active or pledge member.

Section 3. Securing membership. Any male student in good standing of UMM regardless of race, color or creed shall be eligible to place an application for membership. The procedure to gain membership shall be as follows.

1. Student shall apply with proper application.
2. Rusher shall be accepted by a 5/7 majority vote of all the active members in order to become a pledge.
3. Pledges shall remain in such a status until the actives shall decide by the same 5/7 majority vote (in accordance to the pledge's interest, conduct, and earnest and sincere willingness to advance the interest of the Fraternity during this period) whether to discontinue pledgship, to continue pledgship, or to grant active membership.

### Section 4. Cancellation of Active Membership.

Active membership shall be cancelled by 5/7 majority vote of all active members for the following reasons.

1. Unpaid bills to the fraternity.
2. Unfavorable conduct.
3. Failure to attend meetings regularly.

Section 5. Withdrawal from Active Membership. Active members shall become inactive in the Fraternity by declaring so to the general assembly. He shall then have the same privileges as an alumni member.

Article 3. Meetings.

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held weekly during the school year. Time and place shall be specified by the president at the previous meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings, How Called. Special meetings shall be called at any time by the president or on request by not less of 1/4 of the undergraduate members.

Section 3. Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of special meeting shall be given by the secretary through the University's postal system one day in advance of the time for the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum. Majority of the undergraduate members constitutes a quorum.

Section 5. Order of Business. Order of business shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by president.
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
3. Reports of Standing Committees.
4. Reports of Special Committees.
5. Announcements.
6. Unfinished Business.
7. New Business.
8. Adjournment of pledges by president.
9. Proposal and voting for pledge membership.
10. Proposal and voting for active membership.
11. Adjournment of actives by president.
12. An agenda shall be prepared by the president and distributed by the secretary one day in advance of the meeting. Only the material on the agenda shall be discussed at the meeting.

Section 6. Voting. Voting shall be done orally unless a standing vote is demanded by a member. All members in attendance are required to vote except the presiding officer who shall vote only in the case of a tie.

Section 7. Privileges of those attending a meeting. Any person not a member of the Fraternity may attend a meeting upon consent of the president or the majority vote of the undergraduate members. Such a person shall (sentence omitted in printing)

Section 8. Procedure. All meetings of the Fraternity shall be governed by parliamentary procedure as contained in Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in this constitution and by-laws.

Article 4. Administration.

Section 1. President. The duties of the president are:

1. To preside over all regular and special meetings of the general assembly.
2. To enforce the constitution at all times.
3. To coordinate the activities of the committees.
4. In general, to do everything necessary to promote the welfare of the Fraternity.

Section 2. Vice-president. The duties of the vice-president are:

1. In the absence or incapacity of the president, to perform all his duties.
2. To assist the president in coordinating the activities of the committees and the general administration.
3. To perform such duties that are required of him in Article 6.
4. To see that each committee is active, holds meetings, and gets the job done.

Section 3. Secretary. The duties of the secretary are:

1. To keep permanent record of all procedure of the Fraternity.
2. To attend to all correspondence not otherwise delegated and to file and preserve copies of all correspondence.

Section 4. Historian. The duties of the historian are:

1. To keep record containing personal history and address of each member of the Fraternity.
2. To file properly all matters of historical interest to the Fraternity.
3. To act in absence of the secretary.
4. To furnish information and material concerning the Fraternity for publication.
5. To keep a scrapbook containing clippings, photographs, programs, and other such matters of Fraternity interest.

Section 5. Treasurer. Duties of the Treasurer are:

1. To collect all money due the Fraternity and pay all bills as approved by the Finance Committee.
2. To keep accurate accounts of all financial transactions.
3. To make monthly reports to the Fraternity.
4. To perform other duties as prescribed in Article 5.

**Section 6. Chaplain. Duties of the Chaplain are:**

1. To conduct all devotional exercises.
2. To administer the oath of actives elect.
3. To preside in the absence of both the president and vice-president.
4. To advise and help members in their scholastic work.

**Section 7. Sergeant at arms. The duties of the Sergeant at arms are:**

1. To act as doorkeeper at meetings.
2. To keep order at all proceedings of the Fraternity.

**Section 8. Pledgemaster. The duties of the Pledgemaster are:**

1. To have charge of pledges from the time of pledging until their initiation is completed.
2. To supervise and enforce all probationary works of pledges.

**Section 9. Election of Officers. The election shall be the second regularly scheduled meeting of the spring quarter for a term of one year beginning the third regularly scheduled meeting of the quarter.**

**Section 10. Procedure of Election.**

The election of officers shall follow the 12th order of business in Article 3, Section 5. A chairman shall be elected by a simple majority to preside over the elections. The chairman shall appoint two members for collecting and counting of the written votes. A majority vote of all undergraduate members shall be required for election to office. The following procedure shall be used: The nominations, discussion, voting and counting of the votes for first, President; second, Vice-president; third, Chaplain; fourth, Treasurer; fifth, Secretary; sixth, Historian; seventh, Sergeant at Arms; and eighth, Pledgemaster.

**Section 11. The Standing Committees shall be as follows:**

1. Discipline Committee.
2. Finance Committee.
3. House Committee.
4. Social Committee
5. Activities Committee
6. Relations Committee
7. Membership Committee
8. Scholarship Committee

Section 12. Composition of Standing Committees. Each standing committee shall be composed of not less than three or more than five members, and no member shall be on more than three standing committees, and every member shall be on at least one committee.

Section 13. Discipline Committee. The duties of the Discipline Committee are to consider, enact, post and enforce necessary rules and regulations governing the members of the Fraternity.

Section 14. Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee are to audit and settle all bills. No bill in excess of one dollar shall be paid by the treasurer unless in writing and with the approval of the Finance Committee.

Section 15. House Committee. The duty of the House Committee is to pursue all possibilities in renting, purchasing or building for consideration by the general assembly as a Fraternity House.

Section 16. Social Committee. The Social Committee shall have charge of all arrangements for social affairs of the Fraternity.

Section 17. Activities Committee. The Activities Committee shall promote and supervise all campus activities of the Fraternity and of its members, including participation in intramural sports.

Section 18. Relation Committee. The Relation Committee shall promote friendly relations with other fraternities on campus and have charge of chapter participation in interfraternal affairs.

Section 19. Membership Committee. The membership committee shall have charge and supervision of the investigation of all students under consideration for pledging and in arrangement for inviting and securing their attendance.

Section 20. Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee shall assist each member in maintaining a high standard of scholastic achievement.

Section 21. Committee Action. All policy or actions of the committees are subject to approval of the General Assembly.



Section 22. Appointment of Committees. It shall be the duty of the officers, by majority vote, to appoint all committees and to fill by appointment all vacated positions.

Article 5. Finance

Section 1. Initiation fee. Each person initiated shall pay in full to the treasurer, prior to the beginning of his initiation as an active member, an initiation fee of \$3.

Section 2. Dues. Each undergraduate member shall pay the sum of \$5. per regular school quarter to the treasurer at the first general meeting of each quarter. Dues not paid by the middle of the quarter shall be considered delinquent and shall be reported as such by the Finance Committee to the general assembly.

Section 3. Bills, how paid. All bills in excess of one dollar shall be paid by check and signed by the treasurer as directed by the Finance Committee.

Article 6. Amendments.

Section 1. How made. Proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing to the vice-president who shall record it in the agenda and present it to the general assembly whereupon it shall be tabled until the succeeding regular meeting. If it is seconded and receives a 2/3 majority vote it shall be declared adopted.

Section 2. Duties of Vice-president. If adopted the amendment shall be presented by the vice-president to the Office of Student Services and Student Affairs Committee for its approval. If approved the vice-president shall immediately enter it in all copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

This constitution hereby renders invalid the constitutions set and adopted previously.